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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY
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INFO USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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EXDIS, FOR STULL AND NEWSOM FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

1. DURING MY CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS, WE DISCUSSED SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT, AND I EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CONTINUED BUILD-UP AND CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER WAS ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IN ASSESSING THE OVER-ALL GEO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN ASIA TODAY, SINCE IT DOMINATED CHINESE THINKING AND REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY RISKS OF CHINESE BEING TEMPTED TO OPERATE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. MARCOS EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THIS, BUT SURPRISINGLY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE. (IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DURING HIS OWN TRIP TO PEKING THE CHINESE PLAYED ON
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HIS ANTIPATHY TO JAPAN RATHER THAN THE RUSSIAN THREAT.) HE ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND I SAID THAT PERHAPS AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING COULD BE GIVEN TO HIM.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND A TWO OR THREE-PERSON INR/CIA TEAM TO GIVE BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT TO MARCOS. I VIEW

THIS AS A USEFUL WAY TO KEEP COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS
FLOWING PRIOR TO ENGAGEMENT WITH MARCOS ON MORE DIFFICULT
ISSUES.

4. FOR MANILA: PLEASE RAISE ISSUE WITH MARCOS, REFERRING
TO MY CONVERSATIONS, AND IF HE STILL WISHES BRIEFING LET
US KNOW WHAT HIS PREFERABLE TIME FRAME, WITH ALTERNATIVES,
WOULD BE.

5. FOR JAKARTA: I SEE POTENTIAL VALUE IN OFFERING SAME
BRIEFING TO CAREFULLY SELECTED TOP OFFICIALS IN JAKARTA
WHERE WE OBSERVED CLEAR DISAGREEMENT AMONG GOI LEADERSHIP
AS TO WHETHER CHINA OR RUSSIA POSED GREATER THREAT TO THE
REGION. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBIL-
ITY OF SUCH A PROJECT.

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